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SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FIGHT WITH GN

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1. FURTHER TO DEMONSTRATION REPORTED REFTEL, ABOUT 300
UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND NATIONAL GUARDSMEN FOUGHT OUTSIDE
UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE AROUND 3:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

GN PERSONNEL CLUBBED STUDENTS WITH RUBBER
TRUNCHEONS AND GUNBUTTS. GUARD FIRED TEAR GAS SHELLS TO BREAK UP
THE STUDENTS. IN ADDITION, SOME STUDENTS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN
WOUNDED BY SHOTGUN PELLETS. STUDENTS OVERTURNED AND SET AFIRE AN
OFFICIAL GOP (IRHE-POWER AND LIGHT) VEHICLE ON MAJOR CITY
STREET WHICH FLANKS THE UNIVERSITY.

2. STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THIS CLEARLY ANTI-GOVERNMENT
CONFRONTATION WERE PRINCIPALLY FROM UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL,
BUT SOME FROM ENGINEERING FACULTY AS WELL.

3. BY 4:00 P.M. GUARDIA PERSONNEL HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM
IMMEDIATE AREA.

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4. BURNT OUT VEHICLE CONTINUES TO BLOCK THE AVENUE; THAT,
PLUS VIOLENCE OF THE FIGHT SEEMS LIKELY TO SET OFF MORE
TROUBLE THIS EVENING. IN AN ATTEMPT TO FORESTALL IT,
UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS CANCELLED ALL CLASSES THIS EVENING.
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